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SUBJ: CODEL DIGGS

PASS CODEL

REF: (A) DAKAR 3591; (B) LIBREVILLE 0955 (NOTAL)

1. TENTATIVE PROGRAM LIBREVILLE HAS BEEN JEOPARDIZED BY APPARENTLY LAST MINUTE DECISION OF PRESIDENT BONGO TO EXTEND CURRENT TRIP TO ROMANIA AND FAR EAST (REF B). PRESIDENT ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO RETURN JULY 8 BUT NOW WILL BE SPENDING SEVERAL DAYS IN PARIS. NO ONE IN LIBREVILLE KNOWS FOR CERTAIN WHEN PRESIDENT WILL RETURN AS DECISION PROBABLY WILL NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN PARIS, ALTHOUGH FRENCH EMBASSY HERE BELIEVES HE WILL RETURN NO LATER THAN JULY 12. PROBLEM COMPOUNDED BY FACT THAT ALL KEY MINISTERS--RAWIRI, OKUMBA, MOUKAMBI, ANCHOUEY, AND MBOUY-BOUTZIT--ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT ALTHOUGH SOME MAY RETURN BEFORE PRESIDENT. ALL MINISTERS KNOW OF CODEL'S ARRIVAL AND HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO RECEIVE CODEL, BUT IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE ANY FIRM APPOINTMENTS AT THIS TIME SINCE NONE OF THEM KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL BE IN LIBREVILLE. EMBASSY WILL, HOWEVER, MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH SECRETARIES OF STATE IN RESPECTIVE

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MINISTRIES IN CASE MINISTERS DO NOT RETURN IN TIME.

2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, SUGGEST CODEL MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER DAY TRIP JULY 10 TO COMILOG MANGANESE MINE AT MOANDA AND COMUF URANIUM MINE AT MOUNANA. THERE NO REGULARLY SHCHEDULED FLIGHTS TN THURSDAY SO IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CHARTER CESSNA WHICH WOULD COST ABOUT DOLS 1200. IF PRESIDENT AND/OR MINISTERS DID RETURN BEFORE 10TH IT WOULD ALWAYS BE POSSIBLE TO CANCEL MOANDA TRIP. IN ANY EVENT, THIS WOULD LEAVE JULY 11 OPEN FOR POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT AND MINISTERS OR SECRETARIES OF STATE. MLSTP HAS ALSO INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THERE POSSIBLITY THAT HOTEL ROOMS MIGHT BE AVAIL-ABLE JULY 11 IN SAO TOME FOR CODEL. IF THIS WORKS OUT, CODEL COULD GO TO SAO TOME AFTERNOON OF JULY 11 AND STAY UNTIL AFTERNOON OF JULY 12. CODEL ASKED TO PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY OF ITS WISHES RE ABOVE.

3. CHARGE PLANNING GIVE SMALL RECEPTION FOR CODEL EITHER JULY 10 OR 11 DEPENDING ON HOW REST OF SCHEDULE WORKS OUT.

4. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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